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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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THE CUMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT **ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975**

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement contained in the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Species A, claims 16-19 and 24-27, drawn to jet nozzles at different heights.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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